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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a four-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 28, 2007, the period of response being extended from January 28, 2008 to May 28, 2008.

The appropriate fee is being charged via EFS-Web. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-3739.

Respectfully submitted.

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